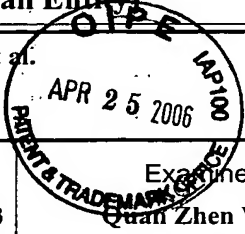


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)	Docket No. 8146-90519
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In Re Application Of: Con-Carolis et al.



Application No. 10/655,209	Filing Date September 4, 2003	Examiner Quan Zhen Wang	Customer No. 24628	Group Art Unit 2633	Confirmation No. 7004
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Invention: **PHOTONIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITH "SUB-LINE RATE" BANDWIDTH GRANULARITY PROTOCOL TRANSPARENCY AND DETERMINISTIC MESH CONNECTIVITY**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of November 22, 2005 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month ☒ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: February 22, 2006 until: April 22, 2006
Date *Date*

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is \$225 and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.
☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.
☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

Signature

Dated: April 18, 2006

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